

Amendments to the Claims:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein said first section of filter material and said second section of filter material are each independently selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate tow, gathered cellulose acetate web, polypropylene tow, gathered polypropylene web, gathered polyester web, gathered paper, and strands of reconstituted tobacco.

4. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 3, wherein said first section of filter material and said second section of filter material comprise plasticized cellulose acetate tow.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein the overall length of the filter element is about 15 to about 65 mm.

9. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 8, wherein the overall length of the filter element is about 25 to about 50 mm.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[11]] 37, wherein the activated carbon has an activity of about 60 to about 150 Carbon Tetrachloride Activity.

13. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein said adsorbent is in granular form.

14. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 13, wherein said adsorbent has a particle size of about 8x16 mesh to about 30x70 mesh.

15-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein the capsule is generally spherical in shape.

21. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein the breakable capsule comprises:

an outer gelatin shell; and  
an inner liquid composition contained in the outer gelatin shell, the inner liquid composition including at least one flavoring agent and at least one diluting agent.

22. (Original) The cigarette of Claim 21, wherein the diluting agent is a medium chain triglyceride mixture.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein the capsule has a diameter of at least about 3 mm.

25. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein the capsule has a diameter of less than about 5 mm.

26. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[1]] 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a breath freshening agent.

27. (Currently Amended) A cigarette comprising a tobacco rod and a filter element connected to the tobacco rod, said filter element having an end proximal to the tobacco rod and an end distal from the tobacco rod, wherein said filter element comprises:

a first longitudinally extending section of filter material positioned at the end of the filter element distal from the tobacco rod, said first section of filter material comprising a longitudinally extending central portion of filter material, a longitudinally extending outer portion of filter material positioned annularly around the central portion, and a compartment having a structure defined by the inner central portion;

a second longitudinally extending section of filter material positioned at the end of the filter element proximal to the tobacco rod and spaced apart from said first section of filter material, the two sections of filter material defining a compartment therebetween;

an adsorbent material ~~in granular form~~ contained within at least a portion of the compartment between said first section of filter material and said second section of filter material; and

at least one breakable capsule positioned in the compartment in said first section of filter material.

28-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[32]] 27, wherein the central portion and the outer portion of said first section of filter material comprise cellulose acetate tow.

34. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[32]] 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a component capable of altering the overall composition of mainstream smoke generated by the cigarette.

35. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[32]] 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains flavoring for mainstream smoke generated by the cigarette.

36. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[32]] 27, wherein said adsorbent is selected

from the group consisting of activated carbon, molecular sieves, clays, activated aluminas, silica gels, and mixtures thereof.

37. (Currently Amended) The cigarette of Claim [[32]] 27, wherein said adsorbent is activated carbon.

38. (New) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein said adsorbent is present in an amount of about 50 to about 250 mg.

39. (New) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a flavoring selected from the group consisting of vanilla, coffee, chocolate, cream, mint, spearmint, menthol, peppermint, wintergreen, lavender, cardamon, nutmeg, cinnamon, clove, cascarilla, sandalwood, honey, jasmine, ginger, anise, sage, licorice, lemon, orange, apple, peach, lime, cherry, strawberry, and eucalyptus.

40. (New) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein the breakable capsule contains a payload comprising about 5 percent to about 25 percent flavoring, based on the total weight of the payload.

41. (New) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein said second section of filter material has a greater particulate removal efficiency than said first section of filter material.

42. (New) The cigarette of Claim 41, wherein said first section of filter material and said second section of filter material comprise a fibrous filter material, and said second section of filter material comprises filaments having a lower weight per unit length than the filaments of said first section of filter material.

43. (New) The cigarette of Claim 42, wherein said second section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of less than about 2.5 denier per filament and said first

section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of greater than about 3.0 denier per filament.

44. (New) The cigarette of Claim 43, wherein said second section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of about 1.8 to about 2.5 denier per filament and said first section of filter material comprises filaments having a weight per unit length of about 3.0 to about 10 denier per filament.

45. (New) The cigarette of Claim 27, wherein one or both ends of the inner central portion of the first section of filter material are crimped.